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SUBJECT: GENERAL KRIT SIWARA ON THE FUTURE OF THE KHUKRIT GOVERNMENT

1. DURING THE COURSE OF MY CALL ON RTA COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF GENERAL KRIT SIWARA ON MARCH 23, KRIT VOLUNTEERED HIS BELIEF THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT LAST BEYOND SEPTEMBER, IF THAT LONG. KRIT POINTED OUT THAT PRIME MINISTER KHUKRIT PRAMOT HAD A SUPPORT BASE IN THE ASSEMBLY OF ONLY 18 SEATS. HIS OLDER BROTHER, SENI, HAD 72, BUT COULDN'T MAKE A GO OF BEING PRIME MINISTER. KRIT SAID "EVERYTHING WILL FALL APART" DURING THE MAJOR DEBATE OVER THE BUDGET, PROBABLY IN SEPTEMBER. KRIT CONTENDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT COULD COLLAPSE BEFORE THEN, HOWEVER. HE SAID THAT KHUKRIT WAS AWARE OF HIS OWN POLITICAL WEAKNESS, BUT THAT HE WANTED TO BE PRIME MINISTER ONCE IN HIS LIFETIME, EVEN IF ONLY BRIEFLY.

2. I SAID THAT I UNDERSTOOD THAT KRIT WOULD BE TRAVELING UP-COUNTRY MARCH 24. HE SAID THAT HE WAS GOING TO KHORAT FOR TWO DAYS TO CELEBRATE HIS BIRTHDAY THERE. HE ALSO WANTED TO PASS ON TO ME IN GREAT CONFIDENCE THAT HE INTENDED TO MAKE KHORAT HIS POLITICAL BASE. KRIT POINTED UP THE IMPORTANCE OF THE NORTHEAST WITH ITS 93 SEATS OUT OF A TOTAL OF 269 IN THE LOWER HOUSE.

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3. I ASKED KRIT WHETHER HE INTENDED TO RUN FOR PARLIAMENT UPON
HIS SCHEDULED RETIREMENT OCTOBER 1. KRIT SAID THAT HE HAD NOT YET
MADE UP HIS MIND, BUT IF HE DID SO KHORAT WOULD BE HIS TAKE-OFF
POINT.
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